

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Sprinkle, et al.

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 31 MAY 2007

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 05/31/2007 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.